**Synthesis Essay Prompt Directions**

**Directions**: The following prompt is based on the accompanying four sources.

This question requires you to synthesize a variety of sources into a coherent, well-written essay. When you synthesize sources, you refer to them to develop your position and cite them accurately. Your argument should be central: the sources should support the argument. Avoid merely summarizing the sources.

**Introduction:**

The practice of micro-lending has been touted by the humanitarian group Women’s Empowerment International as a viable method of reducing poverty for women in Third World countries. However, articles on micro-lending have identified this practice’s advantages and disadvantages. These articles can help anyone making a decision on whether to support the practice of micro-lending to citizens of other countries.

**Prompt**:

Read the following sources carefully. Then, synthesize at least \_\_\_\_\_ of the sources into an essay that evaluates the practice of micro-lending and offers a recommendation about its continued use.

You may refer to the sources by their titles (Source A, Source B, etc.,) or by the description in parentheses.

Source A: (Author Unknown)

Source B: (Bennett)

Source C: (Shane)

Source D: (Bellman)